

A TRIBUTE TO JUDGE STANLEY
MOSK

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 20, 2001

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a heavy heart that I rise today and pay tribute to a dear friend and a legend of the California Supreme Court, Stanley Mosk, who passed away in his San Francisco home yesterday, June 19, 2001.

Justice Mosk, grew up in San Antonio, Texas and attended the University of Chicago as an undergraduate and law student, before receiving his Juris Doctorate from Southwestern University in Los Angeles in 1935. Judge Mosk's long career as a public servant began in 1939 when he was appointed Executive Secretary to California Governor Calbert L. Olson. After serving the Governor for four years, Stanley Mosk was named Justice of the Superior Court at the age of 31, making him the youngest Superior Court Judge in California.

Mr. Speaker, after serving in this position for 15 years, Judge Mosk sought political office, running for California's Attorney General in 1958. He easily won and received more votes than anyone else on the statewide ballot. Judge Mosk's victory was the first for Jewish person on a statewide ballot in California. During his six year tenure as Attorney General, he established a civil rights section, promoted police training and brought landmark anti-trust and consumer actions to trial. He also argued for California water rights before the U.S. Supreme Court. After deciding against running for Senate, Judge Mosk was appointed to the California Supreme Court by Governor Pat Brown. For the past thirty-seven years, he has been a fixture of the state Supreme Court, becoming its longest serving member in the Court's 151 year old history.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Mosk was recently described by the Los Angeles Times as the "the influential, widely acclaimed and contentiously independent senior member of the Court." He was a vigorous advocate of individual liberties and wrote more than 600 opinions that included dozens of landmark rulings that left a unique and far-reaching imprint on both civil and criminal law. Among his most controversial and more famous opinions was the Regents of the University of California vs. Bakke. In this landmark case, Judge Mosk found that race-based university admissions were unconstitutional, a ruling which has influenced public policy for the last twenty-five years. Despite the criticism he received for his ruling Judge Mosk never wavered from his decision.

Mr. Speaker, Judge Stanley Mosk was a true legend of California and he will be sorely missed. I urge all of my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to this outstanding public servant.

IN HONOR OF SPEAKER SHELDON
SILVER, ON THE OCCASION OF
HIS 25TH YEAR OF SERVICE AS A
MEMBER OF THE NEW YORK
STATE ASSEMBLY

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay special tribute to the Hon. Sheldon Silver. Mr. Silver is one of New York's greatest public servants, representing Manhattan's Lower East Side in the New York State Assembly for 25 years where he currently serves as Speaker. Speaker Silver has worked diligently to improve the lives of his constituents, as well as the lives of all New Yorkers. His outstanding legislative achievements will serve as a model for future members of the New York State Assembly for years to come.

In 1976, Speaker Silver was first elected to the Assembly. In 1985, Speaker Silver was named chair of the Assembly Election Law Committee and served as co-chair of the Temporary State Commission on Voting Machine Equipment and Voter Registration Systems. In 1987 he became chair of the prestigious Assembly Committee on Codes. In 1992 Speaker Silver was appointed chair of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, and on February 11, 1994 he was elected Speaker of the New York State Assembly. Speaker Silver is dedicated to re-establishing the Assembly as the guardian of New York's middle-class and working families.

During his tenure in office, Speaker Silver has had many significant legislative achievements. He has always made education a priority, and his education initiative, LADDER (Learning, Achievement, Development by Directing Educational Resources), led to the enactment of the first statewide prekindergarten program for all 4-year old children in the nation. In addition, LADDER emphasized educational standards to ensure that all students received proper and complete education. It also focused on reducing class sizes to improve teacher to student ratios and reduces overcrowding. Many of us in Congress continue to advocate for these educational policies, Mr. Speaker, but Sheldon Silver of New York implemented them for our state years ahead of the curve.

Additionally, Speaker Silver has made a strong effort to curb drug usage in New York. Under his leadership, the Safe Streets-Safe Cities Program was enacted, which established harsher penalties for drug-related crimes. It also declared money laundering illegal in order to assist law enforcement in their battle against organized crime.

Speaker Silver has also been a vocal supporter of women's health issues, as well as reducing energy costs. He has also been a national leader in ensuring religious freedom for all people. These are just a few examples of literally hundreds of positive legislative actions that Speaker Silver has taken to improve the lives of all New Yorkers.

Mr. Speaker, I salute the life and work of Speaker Silver, and I ask my fellow Members of Congress to join me in recognizing his extraordinary contributions to the State of New York and to our great nation.

HONORING MARK DICARLO, DELA-
WARE COUNTY'S FATHER OF
THE YEAR

HON. CURT WELDON

OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Mr. WELDON. Mr. Speaker, with Father's Day weekend just behind us, I'd like to take a moment to congratulate one special dad from my congressional district. Mark DiCarlo of Brookhaven, was recently named the Delaware County Daily Times "Father of the Year." Mark DiCarlo has 3 children, Mark Jr. 11 years old, Danielle 8 and Tara 4. He and his wife Joan have been married for 13 years. In reading the letter that his family sent to the Times, it is clear that Mark shows the dedication and the commitment that it takes to raise a loving and caring family.

Mark DiCarlo's family wrote to the Times stating all of the things that he, Mark, never forgets to do. Such as, coming home from work and helping the kids with their homework, playing with them, and making sure that chores around the house are completed. Mark's family also stated that he is always teaching them new things and working to ensure a bright future for all his children.

But the most important thing Mark does comes last every night. Mark always, each and every night, tells his children, "Daddy loves you." As a father of five myself, I know how important it is for children to hear that simple sentence each and every day. Children need to know that they have the full support and love of their parents. Through his simple decency and dedication to his family, Mark DiCarlo has shown us the true meaning of father's day. By his words and deeds, he has given us an example that all dads can follow.

It is an honor to represent someone like Mark DiCarlo. He is an example for others to follow and no matter what, will always be one to his family.

TIMES DAD OF THE YEAR'S A POSITIVE GUY

(By Bette Alburger)

Brookhaven—Who's the happiest person in the DiCarlo household?

It's a toss-up between the father of the family, 44-year-old Mark, his wife and the couple's three young children.

Mark DiCarlo was chosen as this year's "Daily Times Father of the Year," based on the essay his son and two daughters entered in the newspaper's second annual award competition. He said he was "in total shock" when he learned that their entry was judged the best of at least 500 submitted.

He had no idea they'd nominated him for the honor.

His wife of 13 years, Joan, said 11-year-old Mark Jr., 8-year-old Danielle and 4-year-old Tara decided on a different twist for their essay containing the stipulated maximum 300 words.

"Most kids feel their father deserves to be honored because of all the things he does," she said. "But the children said they thought their daddy should be 'Father of the Year' because of all the things he never does."

For instance, the youngsters pointed out in their essay, their dad never says he's too tired to play with them or help with a school project. He never lets their mom do all the housework and he never sits around the house on his day off doing nothing.

He never loses patience with his family, and he never stops teaching them new